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**BY ECF**

Honorable Mary Kay Vyskocil  
United States District Judge  
Southern District of New York  
500 Pearl Street  
New York, NY 10007

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**Re: United States v. Massiel Encarnacion-Velez,  
21 Cr. 225 (MKV)**

Dear Judge Vyskocil:

I write to request that the Court authorize the temporary return of Ms. Encarnacion-Velez's passport, which she surrendered to Pretrial Services as part of her bail conditions. Ms. Encarnacion-Velez needs to present her passport in order to apply for a passport for her two-month-old daughter, so that the daughter can travel with her grandmother to the Dominican Republic in December.

Specifically, Ms. Encarnacion-Velez requests to pick up her passport from Pretrial Services on a date to be arranged with Pretrial Services and to return it the following day. As an additional security requested by the government, Ms. Encarnacion-Velez would leave the passports of her other children with Pretrial Services as collateral while she has possession of her own passport.

Ms. Encarnacion-Velez self-surrendered to face this case and has been compliant with Pretrial supervision. Neither the government nor Pretrial Services has any objection to this request.

Respectfully submitted,

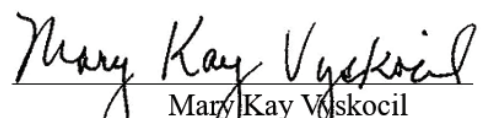
/s/

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**Granted. SO ORDERED.**

CC: Counsel of record (by ECF)

Date: August 16, 2022  
New York, New York

  
Mary Kay Vyskocil  
United States District Judge